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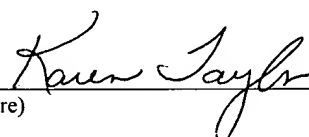
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APPARATUS WITH BIAS LINE
CANCELLATION
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2004, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted concurrently herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of all of the pending claims. No other rejection or objection was raised in the March 29, 2004 Office Action. Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7341.

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A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed herewith to pay for the terminal disclaimer. It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 7175-74159.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald S. Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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